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EQUIPMENT COST ESTIMATE
CALCULATION SYSTEM

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Sir:

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Japanese Patent Publication No 02-270062 appears to disclose an evaluation device giving an advice for renewal time of equipments with high accuracy. An English abstract is attached to better understand this publication.

Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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